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Dresden-Alberthafen Fuel Depot.

1. The Soviet fuel depot on the former premises of the Shell and Standard Oil Companies is located just south of Albert Harbor in Dresden (N 52/F 22) and contains numerous stationary fuel tanks. The entire depot area was surrounded by a fence in late October and mid-November 1950, and the guard at the main gate wore red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in the three-story building just west of the main gate. There was a ~~Derunant~~ depot east of the Soviet fuel depot. (1)
2. On 28 October [redacted] and tractor [redacted] with a trailer, all loaded with coal, came from the eastern section of the port area and proceeded through Bremer Strasse. A fire extinguishing demonstration was held before a group of 20 Soviet officers outside the depot area, east of Kaditzer Bridge, on the Elbe River bank, between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Burning fuel was extinguished by means of foam extinguishers. Fourteen railroad tank cars were standing on the sidings just north of the Catholic cemetery.

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Schleife Fuel Depot.

3. After mid-November, the security measures at the Schleife (O 52/A 74) fuel depot were tightened. All the civilian workers previously employed there were discharged during the second half of October. During the period from 20 to 29 November, the depot was guarded by a Soviet detail of 25 men. From 200 to 250 German police, about half of them women, moved into the settlement houses at the western exit of the town about the end of November or the beginning of December. German police and criminal police personnel who were also quartered in the settlement houses, continually checked all the streets and dirt roads near the depot. The secondary roads from Grosssueben and Lieskau to Schleife were blocked to all traffic. (3)

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Velten Fuel Depot.

4. The following observations were made at the Velten (N 53/4 66) switching station from 14 November to 10 December:

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- a. On 14 November, a train of 34 fuel tank cars and 1 boxcar, which was guarded by two soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and by four railroad police, was standing between the Velten and Hohenschoepping railroad stations. Five fuel tank cars of this train had already been dispatched to the army fuel depot.
- b. On 19 November, 59 fuel tank cars and 2 boxcars were parked on the sidings, guarded by an AF senior lieutenant, 4 soldiers, two of them with light blue epaulets the other two with red-bordered black epaulets, and three railroad police.
- c. A train of 39 empty fuel tank cars and an escort coach left the switching station on 20 November.
- d. On 21 November, a train of 43 full fuel tank cars arrived, guarded by soldiers wearing crimson epaulets.
- e. On 22 November, a total of 119 fuel tank cars, the maximum number of fuel tank cars observed to date, were observed at the Velten railroad station. Additional fuel tank cars were seen at the army and air force fuel tank depots.
- f. On 3 December, 18 fuel tank cars were standing at the Velten railroad station. Additional tank cars were seen on sidings between the Velten and Hohenschoeppingen railroad stations.

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- g. On 10 December, a train of 38 fuel tank cars and an escort coach was standing on a siding between Velten and Hohenschoeppingen. Two soldiers removed the old shipping labels and attached new ones bearing the inscription "empty from Velten to Rgb." (Rgb. = Rummelsburg). Six fuel tank cars and five boxcars were standing on a second siding. The word anylene was on the stickers fixed on the tank cars.

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an empty train of fuel tank cars left on 5 December and a full train arrived. two trains of fuel tank cars arrive every week at the Soviet fuel depots. (4)

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5. The following were at the army section of the Velten fuel depot between 14 November and 10 December 1950:

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- a. On 14 November, five tank cars with shipping labels bearing the inscription "from Frankfurt/Oder to Velten" arrived at the depot. The personnel of the switching locomotives, escorted by two soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, and two railroad police, were received by a lieutenant wearing golden epaulets with red stripes and a black band around his cap. Trucks observed at the depot loaded with eight 200-liter barrels; truck fully loaded with 20-liter containers; and truck with trailer, both loaded with two 500-liter containers.

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- b. Nine railroad tank cars, truck and truck the latter loaded with eight 200-liter barrels, were observed at the depot on 19 November.

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- c. Tank truck entered the depot on 3 December 1950.

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- d. Empty truck and truck carrying barrels, left the installation on 10 December.

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6. The following observations were made at the air force section of the Velten fuel depot between 14 November and 10 December 1950:

- a. Motor vehicles observed in depot traffic on 14 November included passenger car [] parked at the depot and driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets; truck [] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, hauling a railroad tank car container and towing a tank trailer, each tank having an estimated capacity of 1,000 liters; jeep [] occupied by two lieutenants wearing golden epaulets with red stripes and driven by a soldier with light-blue epaulets; empty truck [] driven by a soldier with light-blue epaulets; jeep [] occupied by three soldiers with light-blue epaulets; and truck [] with trailer driven by a soldier with light-blue epaulets, each loaded with twenty-five 200-liter barrels. []

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 - b. On 19 November, three tank cars, two of which were connected with the fuel pipe lines by hoses, were standing in the depot area. Tank truck [] and trucks [] were identified in depot traffic. []

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 - c. Five railroad tank cars were observed in the depot on 22 November 1950. Motor vehicles [] in the depot area, all of them driven by soldiers with light-blue epaulets, included tank trucks [] leaving toward Schoenwalde; tank truck [] with trailer [] carrying eight 200-liter barrels, leaving toward Oranienburg; tank truck [] moving toward Oranienburg; truck [] loaded with ten 200-liter barrels, proceeding toward Oranienburg; truck [] loaded with barrels, moving toward Oranienburg; jeep [] occupied by a lieutenant wearing golden epaulets with red stripes, leaving toward Oranienburg; truck [] loaded with a 1,000-liter container; and truck [] carrying fuel cans, moving toward Oranienburg. []

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 - d. Motor vehicles which entered the depot on 3 December included trucks [] both empty and driven by soldiers with light-blue epaulets; truck [] loaded with barrels and driven by a soldier with light-blue epaulets; and jeep [] driven by a soldier with light-blue epaulets. (2) Three railroad tank cars were in the depot.

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 - e. Three tank cars stood in the depot area on 10 December. Motor vehicles parked in front of the depot included ambulance [] driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets; truck [] driven by a soldier wearing light-blue epaulets; truck [] loaded with barrels and occupied by a senior lieutenant wearing golden epaulets with red stripes, who sat beside the driver who wore red-bordered black epaulets; passenger car [] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and boarded by a Russian-speaking civilian who came from the depot accompanied by a lieutenant who wore golden epaulets with red stripes; and sidecar motorcycle [] occupied by two officers with light-blue epaulets. []

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7. On 24 November, 48 railroad tank cars were standing at the Velten railroad station and about 30 such cars were seen on the spur track of the Schiweck factory. Trucks [] each loaded with 200-liter barrels, arrived at the railroad station from the depot area. (14)
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8. Five large, semi-underground fuel containers and several hundred 200-liter barrels were observed in the open area behind the quarters of the AF personnel at the Velten fuel depot.

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- (1) Confirms the large fuel depot of the GOFQ or Derunapht which is located between Hamburgerstrasse and Alberthafen. For a sketch of the Dresden-Alberthafen fuel depot, see Annex.

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- (3) The information confirms the reconditioned fuel depot on the premises of the former German Army ammunition depot. [redacted]
(4) The information confirms the large fuel depot at Velten, which consists of an army and an air force section. [redacted]
The list of shipments is a periodic continuation of previous reports [redacted]

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Legend

Soviet Fuel Depot in Dresden-Alberthafen

Legend:

- 1 Board fence, about 180 cm high, with four rows of barbed wire
- 2 Brick wall with barbed wire
- 3 Brick wall with passages for railroad tracks
- 4 Watchtower, continually occupied by a sentry
- 5 German service station, shut down
- 6 Iron sliding doors, apparently not used, and unguarded
- 7 Main gate consisting of a double wooden door and a side entrance for pedestrians, guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets
- 8 Three-story billet with flat roof, occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets
- 9 One-story billet
- 10 Three-story building with a gabled roof; a hoist from the attic on the east side
- 11 Three-story brick building with a gabled roof
- 12 Two-story brick building with arched roof, and a steel chimney, about 10 meters high at the eastern end, braced by steel wires
- 13 Two-story brick building with arched roof, and a loading ramp along the side facing the railroad tracks
- 14 Parking lot for tank trucks
- 15 Stationary boxcar, on an elevation, with an approach slope
- 16 Two metal surface tanks, about 5 meters high and 8 meters in diameter and protected by brick walls; and four smaller surface tanks about 8 meters high, and about 4 meters in diameter
- 17 One metal surface tank, about 7 meters high and 12 to 15 meters in diameter; and four smaller surface tanks, about 7 meters high and about 6 meters in diameter
- 18 Administration building and engine-house with chimney about 20 meters high, rising from the one-story western section of the building, and apartment windows in its three-story eastern section
- 19 Five metal surface tanks, about 5 meters high and about 8 meters in diameter, inscribed "Standard"
- 20 Metal tank, about 15 meters high and 20 meters in diameter
- 21 Metal tank, about 7 meters high and 20 meters in diameter
- 22 Brick building with flat roof, belonging to the Derunapht
- 23 Three-story brick building housing the Derunapht administration
- 24 Metal Derunapht tank, about 15 meters high and 25 meters in diameter

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